

COMMENTS

The enclosed is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on 12/29/04. At the time the Examiner mailed the Office Action claims 1-44 were pending. By way of the present response the Applicants have: 1) amended claims 1, 13, 20, 32 and 39; 2) added no new claims; and 3) canceled claims 2, 14, 21, 33 and 40. As such, claims 1, 2 through 13, 15 through 20, 22 through 32, 34 through 40 are now pending. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application and the allowance of all claims now presented.

Drawings

The Examiner has stated Formal Drawings are required in response to the office action (see Office Action mailed 12/29/04, page 2). In response, the Applicants have filed formal drawings herewith.

Claims

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2, 14, 21, 33 and 40 would be allowable if written into their respective base claims 1, 13, 20, 32 and 30 (see Office Action mailed 12/29/04, page 5). In response, the Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 13, 20, 32 and 30 so as to include matter recited in claims 2, 14, 21, 33 and 40 respectively. As such, the Applicant respectfully submits that all independent claims of the present application are allowable; which, in turn, renders allowable all pending claims of the present application.

In light of the comments above, the Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of all claims.

Conclusion

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Robert B. O'Rourke at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully submitted,

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